

BIO FOR ROGER C. PINE

ROGER PINE GRADUATED FROM KSU WITH A DEGREE IN AGRONOMY IN 1961, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF FARMHOUSE FRATERNITY. BEFORE RETURNING TO THE FAMILY FARM, HE SPENT SIX MONTHS IN INDIA WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE. IN 1964 HE BECAME PARTNERS WITH HIS FATHER IN FARMING AND PARTNERS WITH SUE ERHART IN MARRIAGE. THIS MADE ROGER A 5TH GENERATION PINE TO FARM IN THE AREA. AT ONE TIME THE FARM WAS OWNED & OPERATED BY FOUR FAMILIES GROWING CORN, SOYBEANS, POTATOES, FEEDER PIGS AND GELBVIEH CATTLE. BY 1991, ROGER AND SUE WERE SOLE OWNERS. THEIR DAUGHTER, SHAWN, AND THEIR SON, BRIAN, BOTH KSU GRADUATES, HAVE SINCE JOINED AS PARTNERS IN PINE FAMILY FARMS, LC. THEY FARM 4000 ACRES OF CORN, HYBRID SEED CORN, AND SOYBEANS. THEY ALSO GROW 220 ACRES OF TURF GRASS.

ROGER HAS A DEEP COMMITMENT TO HIS IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. HE HAS SERVED ON DISTRICT #497 SCHOOL BOARD, THE LOCAL EXTENSION BOARD, FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD, NATIONAL POTATO BOARD, WAS SELECTED A KANSAS FARM BUREAU LEADER OF THE YEAR, KS. 4-H ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT, KS. 4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR, AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH.

HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KANSAS AND NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL, AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED TO THE USDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY.

PART OF PINE FAMILY FARMS MISSION STATEMENT READS, "KEEPING IN MIND FUTURE GENERATIONS, PFF WORKS TOWARDS BEING CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP AND SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND PUBLIC AWARENESS." THIS CERTAINLY APPLIES TO ROGER PINE PERSONALLY.